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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION	Attorney Docket No.	SHO-0017
	First Named Inventor	Hiroyuki TAGUCHI
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	Application No.	
	Filing Date	October 22, 2003
	Group Art Unit	
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (only if one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

HOUSING, CONNECTOR, AND CONNECTOR CONNECTING METHOD

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

or

☒ was filed on, *October 22, 2003*, as United States Application Number

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YY)	Priority not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached	
				YES	NO
2002-308945	JAPAN	October/23/2002		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto:

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number (s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YY)	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.



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U.S Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)

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Name of Sole or First Inventor ☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor.

Given Name (first and middle [if any])	Family Name or Surname
Hiroyuki	TAGUCHI

Inventor's Signature	Dated
<i>Hiroyuki Taguchi</i>	<i>December 16, 2003</i>

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City	Kanagawa	State		Zip	222-0001	Country	Japan

☐ Additional inventors are being named on the 1 supplemental additional inventor(s) sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A attached hereto.

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, as a below named inventor, residing at the address stated next to my name, am a sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of certain new and useful improvements in

HOUSING, CONNECTOR, AND CONNECTOR CONNECTING METHOD

for which application for Letters Patent of the United States of America was executed by me on the date indicated next to my name and address;

AND WHEREAS, *J.S.T. Mfg. Co., Ltd.*, a Japanese corporation with offices at *4-8, Minami-Senba 2-chome, Chuo-ku Osaka-shi, Osaka 650-0000 JAPAN*, (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNEES) is desirous of acquiring all interest in, to and under said invention, said application disclosing the invention and in, to and under any Letters Patent or similar legal protection which may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollar (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, as a sole or joint inventor as indicated below, by these presents do hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEES, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in the said invention, said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and countries foreign thereto, which may be granted for said invention, and in and to any all priority rights and/or convention rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and to any other benefits accruing or to accrue to me with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the said United States Letters Patent to said ASSIGNEES, as the assignee of the whole right, title and interest thereto;

And I further agree to execute all necessary or desirable and lawful future documents, including assignments in favor of ASSIGNEES or its designee, as ASSIGNEES or its successors, assigns and legal representatives may from time-to-time present to me and without further remuneration, in order to perfect title in said invention, modifications, and improvements in said invention, applications and Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto;

And I further agree to properly execute and deliver and without further remuneration, such necessary or desirable and lawful papers for application for foreign patents, for filing subdivisions of said application for patent, and or, for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for my aforesaid invention, as the ASSIGNEE thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at its own expense;

And I further agree that ASSIGNEES will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents in foreign countries as may be known and accessible to me and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto;

And I hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale.

And I hereby authorize and request my attorney(s) of record in this application to insert the serial number and filing date of this application in the spaces that follow:

Serial Number: **10/689,709** , Filing Date: **October 22, 2003**.

This assignment executed on the dates indicated below.

Hiroyuki TAGUCHI	<u>Hiroyuki Taguchi</u>	<u>December 16, 2003</u>
	Signature	Date
	Signature	Date
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☐ Yes

☒ No

3. Nature of Conveyance:

☒ Assignment

☐ Merger

☐ Security Agreement

☐ Change of Name

☐ Other

Execution Date: December 16, 2003

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

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1

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March 18, 2004
Date

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